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PUBLIC (GENERAL) **(194 3) Department.**

MS. **SERIES.**

G.O. No. 648,

Dated 27th February 1943.

C.F. and N.F. in G.O. No. 785, Public (General), dated 15-3-43

[Despatch Abstract.]

Political agitation - Civil Disobedience Movement - Bellary District - Keshava Rao, T.B. and Venkoba Rao, D.H. - Detenus, Central Jail, Vellore - Family allowance - Orders passed.

Issued 9/3/43

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Abstract.

Political agitation - C.D.H. - Bellary dist. - Keshava Rao, T.B. and Venkoba Rao, D.H. - Detenus, Central Jail, Vellore - Family allowances ~~of Rs. per mensem~~ - ~~Sanctioned~~ Orders passed.

PUBLIC (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.No.Ms. 648 Dated 27/2/1943.

~~Read the following:-~~

~~G.O.Ms.No. Public (General), dated~~

O R D E R -

His Excellency the Governor of Madras is hereby pleased to sanction an allowance of Rs. 25/- (Rupees twenty five only) per mensem to the family of T. B Keshava Rao for the period during which the latter is detained in jail under rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules. The sanction will take effect from 1-2-1943.

Para 2, p.154.

2. The expenditure should be debited to "57. Miscellaneous - a. Expenditure on account of State prisoners and Detenus - authorised".

3. The allowance should be drawn by the District Magistrate of Bellary and disbursed to the wife of Keshava Rao every month.

Para 3 ff 15-16 CF

4. The I.G. of Prisons is requested to inform the detenu D.H. Venkoba Rao ~~by Order of His Excellency the Governor~~ that his request for the sanction of a family allowance cannot be granted.

lgk. 20/2/43 ~~Asst. Secy. to Govt.~~

To the District Magistrate of Bellary
(with reference to the correspondence ending with his letter Ref. C. No. 1055/39 E1, dated 17-2-1943).
,, ~~Commissioner of Police, Madras~~
,, Superintendent, Central Jail, Vellore. ff 15-16 cf.
,, Inspector General of Prisons.
with reference to his letter No. 2004/S-6/42, dt. 9-11-42
Accountant General, thro' the Finance Department. p 104

Copy to Srimati T.B. Jayalakshmi Bai, Wife of Sri T. B. Kesava Rao, Krishnamachar Compound, Bellary.

DPD 2.3.43

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Copy of letter from the Inspector General of Prisons, No.43/S-6/43, dated 18-3-1943.

Political agitation - Civil Disobedience Movement - Security prisoner - Central Jail, Vellore - Petitions submitted.

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25/3/43.

I forward petitions from the following detenus of Central Jail, Vellore, for favour of disposal:-

pg 3-4 infra

T.B.Keshava Rao ... Enhancement of family allowance and release on parole.

NOT TO BE BROADCAST
OR SENT OUT OF INDIA.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Public (General) Department.

PRESS NOTE NO.203.
Dated, Madras, the 6th Septr. 1942.

On the night of the 2nd September the residence of the Tahsildar of Vadavampatti Estate in Ramnad District was set fire to and the estate granary looted. A toddy shop was also burnt in the same district. On the 4th September the Municipal Elementary School at Karaikudi was burnt down. No incidents have been reported from other Districts.

E. M. Gawne,
Chief Secretary to Govt.

TPS.

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From —

T. B. Keshava Rao 617 Defence Central
(of Bellary) jail Bellary Vellore

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Through the Supdt Central jail ~~Bellary~~ Vellore

Subject:— 1) Request for increase in ~~dear~~ Family Allowance

2) For a parole of 15 days to arrange for wife's treatment

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I have been granted Rs 25/- (K) W.L.F. family allowance with effect from February 1943 - I was ordered to be detained on 30th ~~October~~ September 1942 was brought here on 1st Oct 1942 and therefore the allowance ~~should be~~ I request, should be given with effect from the date of my detention

Secondly The allowance sanctioned is most inadequate to make both ends meet for a family of three members I have to pay Rs 60/- at Rs 5/- per month as premium on two insurance policies - The increase in the cost of foodstuffs with famine conditions prevailing in the

district of Bellary has made the situation most difficult. Even if I file a case in the Court for the defence I cannot get the allowance granted by Rs 50/- so that no undue distress is caused to the family during my absence. I hope you will be good enough to grant the said allowance of Rs 50/- Fifty with effect from 15th October 1942 - in consonance with the allowance given to us in jail.

My wife suffers from nervous debility & her health is weak. It is necessary I must arrange for her medical treatment immediately. My letter to the Dist Magistrate has not been replied to. I pray that I may be granted the parole for 15 days (Fifteen days) & I undertake not to take part directly or indirectly in political activities during parole. Kindly expedite as my wife is bed-ridden & there is no other male member in the family

Vellore
16/3/1943

Yours sincerely
T B Keshava Rao
Bellary
Central Jail
Vellore

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Public (Gl) Dept

Memo. No. 13524-1 Pol. 26/3/43

Poll. agitation - C.D.M - Bellary dist -
T.B. Keshava Rao - Release on parole -
Pp 3-4 cf. Petition dated 16-3-43.

Pp 3-4 cf. Referred to the D.M. of Bellary for urgent remarks on the request of the detenu for release on parole. A copy of the order directing this correction in jail may also be sent

To
R.D. 8/4/43

The D.M. of Bellary
(with Pp. 3-4 cf. to be returned with remarks)

P.T.O.

Note:- Please see the petition on pp. 3-4 of. The petitioner was sanctioned a family allowance of Rs. 25/- p.m. in G.O. No. 648, Pub (Gl), dated 27-2-43. (K) Please see in this connection the D.M's report on p. 15 of (T). There seems to be no reason for reconsidering the case as requested by him. No

2. The detenu's request for release on parole may perhaps be referred to the D.M. for remarks. If so, the draft overleaf is submitted for approval. No

4P. 25/3/43

The detenu says he has to pay Rs. 60 at Rs. 5 per month on insurance policies. It has already been decided [illegible] against liability for these. C.S. No. 2-1/3 (4) 25/3/43

From

I.M.Fraser Esq.,I.C.S.,
District Magistrate,
Bellary.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public(General) Department,
Madras.

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8/4/43

Roc.No.97A/43E1 Dated 5-4-43.

8 - APR 1943

Sir,

Sub:Political Agitation-Civil Disobedience Movement---
Bellary District-T.B.Kesava Rao-Release on parole.

Ref: Government Memorandum No.13524-1,Public(General) Department dated 26-3-43.

I passed orders on 25-3-43 releasing the security prisoner on parole for a period of 15 days. I invite your attention to my Rc.97A/43 E1 dated 25-3-43, a copy of which was submitted to you. I enclose a copy of my order detaining him in Jail together with the petition received with the --

petition receiv d with the memorandum cited above. He came to Bellary on parole on the evening of 30-4-43.

2. Regarding his request for the increase of allowance, I do not see any grounds for modifying the order already passed in G.O.No.648, Public (General) Department dated 27-4-43.

District Magistrate.

Enc: ~~One.~~ Two

Bellary District Magistrate's office,
27th September 1942.

Order under Defence of India Rules.

Whereas I, I.M.Fraser, I.C.S., District Magistrate of Bellary District am satisfied that Sri T.B.Kesava Rao of Bellary town has been behaving in such a manner as to bring into contempt the Government by law established in India and to influence the conduct and attitude of the -- public or a section of it in a manner likely to be prejudicial to the Defence of India and the effective prosecution of the War.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on me in G.O.No.2034, Miscellaneous Public (War) Department dated the 10th July 1942 I hereby directthat the said Sri T.B.Kesava Rao be detained in the Central Jail, Vellore, under Rule 26(1)(b) of the Defence of India Rules until further orders in Class II.

/True Copy/ Sd/I.M.Fraser,
District Magistrate.

District Magistrate.

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13/4/43

From

T.B. Jayalakshmi Bai Wife of T.B. Keshava Rao,
Editor Nava Bharat (Now under detention in Central Jail, Vellore).
Bellary.

CHIEF SECRETARY
13 APR 1943
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Bellary 12th April 43

Dear Sir,

My husband Mr. T.B.Keshava Rao was arrested on 30th September 1942 and is detained in Central Jail Vellore under Defence of India Rules since then. He was the only earning member of the family which is now deprived of decent living. I submitted a petition in November 1942 and in March 1943. You were good enough to communicate to me that a monthly allowance of Rs.25/-(Twenty five Rupees) is granted with effect from 1st February 1943. Your Ref: D/27th February 1943. G.O.No. M.S. 648.

While I thank you for this kindness and consideration I beg to submit that the allowance you have been good enough to sanction is most inadequate to meet the needs of the family. You are well aware of the serious economic situation and the Government measures to check the famine distress in this area. The cost of food-stuffs is abnormally high. Added to all these difficulties, My health is not alright and I have not paid the Doctor's bill. I am having intermittent heart attacks and I enclose herewith the certificate of the doctor who is still treating me.

My husband was spending about Rs.100/-per month for the family which the situation was comparably better. He has insured his life in the Empire of India Life Assurance Co.,Ltd.,for Rs.2,000/- (Policies No.123070 H.F. 1000/- plus 121602 1000/-) and the avera ge premium per month comes to Rs.5/- ~~Pnth.~~

With regard to my status in life and actual ~~and the~~ needs of the family I beg to append herewith certificates from a few friends and well wishers of the family. Therefore I pray that you will be so good as to grant me at least Rs.60/- per month from the date of my husband's detention.

M.13-17 infra

For which act of kindness I shall ever be grateful to you.

Yours most sincerely,

T. B. Jayalakshmi Bai
12-4-43.

Address:-

Mrs. T.B.Jayalakshmi Bai,
Wife of T.B.Keshava Rao,
Krishnamachar Compound,
B e l l a r y.

Enclosures :—

1) Certificate from Sri B Bhima Rao M.L.C
2) " " Rao Bahadur T. Raghava
3) Medical Certificate from Dr S.K. Hanumanta R.
M.B.

B. BHIMA RAO, B.A., B.L., M.L.C.,
ADVOCATE

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BELLARY
8th April 1943

I have known Mrs Kesava Rao, wife of Sri T. B. Kesava Rao, now a detenue in the Central Jail at Vellore, for more than ten years. She was a Municipal Councillor for about three years She is a member of the Taluk Educational Advisory committee

I learn that she has been granted an allowance of Rs 25 per mensem by Government. She is a sickly lady and requires constant medical attention She has to reside in a suitable residence and pay reasonable rent therefor. Within the last three or four months, the price of Food Grains and other stuffs have increased tremendously, and the cost of Living has also increased and all proportion In the circumstances Rs 25 is quite inadequate I recommend that the amount should be substantially increased.

B. Bhima Rao
Advocate
Bellary

T Raghava advocate ✗ 15
9.4.43

The family of T. B. Kesavarao is known to me for a number of years Mrs KesavaRao is a well known social worker though young Mr KesavaRao is leading a decent life and his wife used to enjoy reasonable domestic Comforts. 25- Rs a month is in no way sufficient to keep a house in these days Rs 60/- at least is necessary for her, every month, especially as Mrs KesavaRao constantly needs medical Advise & help.

T Raghava
9.4.43

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VENKATESWARA MEDICAL HALL,

K. HANUMANTHA RAO,
M.B., B.S., L.O.,
EYE SPECIALIST
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.
HON. OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT SURGEON,
HEAD QUARTERS HOSPITAL, BELLARY.

GOLDSMITH STREET,
BELLARY.

Date, 9-4-43

Medical Certificate

I S.K Hanumantha Rao do hereby certify that Mrs. T.B. Jayalakshmi Bai wife of Mr T.B Kesava Rao is suffering from Intermittent heart attacks, nervous debility and anaemia .. and has been under my treatment since three months

S.K Hanumantha Rao

9-4-43

PUBLIC (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM No. 13524-2 dt 17.4.43

Poll. agitation - C.D.M. - Bellary Dt.- T.B. Kesava Rao - Family allowance - Increase - Ref:- Letter from the I.G. of Prisons, No.43/S6/43, dated 18-3-1943.

The I.G. of Prisons is requested to inform the detenu T.B.Kesava Rao that his request for enahncement of the family allowance sanctioned in G.O.No.648, Public (Gl), dated 27-2-1943, cannot be granted.

To

The I.G. of Prisons.
" D.M. of Bellary (w.r.t his letter Roc.No.97 A/43E1, dated 5-4-43)

Copy to Srimati T.B.Jayalakshmi Bai (Wife of Sri T.B.Keshava Rao) Krishnamachar Compound, Bellary.

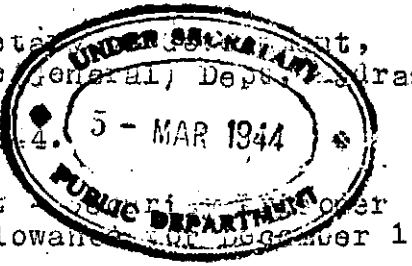
Note: Please see the note on p.6, the D.M's letter on pp.7-8 and the petition from the detenu's wife since received at pp.11 c.f. The draft above is submitted for approval.

From

I.M. Fraser, Lsq., I.C.S.,
Collector, Bellary.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public (General) Department, Madras.



Sir, 13075 b/3/44 Ref: No. 215/44 E-1, dated 2--3--1944.

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POLITICAL AGITATION - Civil Disobedience Movement - Security prisoner - T.B. Kesava Rao - Bellary - Payment of family allowance for December 1943- Requested.

I submit herewith the petition of Sri Jayalaxmi Bai, wife of T.B. Kesava Rao.

2. T.B. Kesava Rao of Bellary, a security prisoner, detained in the special jail, Tanjore, was released on 6-12-43 on parole for a month as per orders contained in G.O.No.3524, Public (General) Department, dated 3-12-43. He was due back in jail on 7-1-44.

3. During the period he applied for a month's extension of the parole period, but orders were not received in time and he had to return to jail on the due dated 7--1--1944.

4. The Superintendent of the special Jail, Tanjore did not issue a life certificate of the prisoner as the latter was not in jail either on the last day of December 43 or on the 1st of January 1944 and so the family

R.T.O.

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Bellary 15th Feb.44

From

T.B.Jayalakshmamma,
Wife of T.B.Kesava Rao,
(Political Prisoner,)

The District Magistrate
Bellary

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Sir,

The Government have been paying me maintenance allowance of Rs.25/- per mensem since the time of detention of my husband in Jail. In the absence of my husband at Jail I have no other means of livelihood except the allowance granted by the Government.

I have not been paid any allowance for the months of December 1943 and January 1944 and it is now the 15th of February and I find it very hard to maintain myself when allowances are not paid. I am a female and there are no relations or others to succour me or render any financial assistance to me. I have contracted ~~xxxx~~ small debts from my neighbours for my necessities these two months.

I therefore request that the District Magistrate may be pleased to order for the immediate payment to me of the arrears for Dec.43 and Jan.44 so that I may not be put to any further hardship for subsistence.

The matter may kindly be treated as very urgent ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and amount due to me may be expedited. It is also prayed that ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ allowance may be arranged to be paid on or before the 5th of every month so that I may regulate the purchases of food stuffs and other requirements.

Address:-
T. B. Jayalakshmamma
Lakshmanachetty Camp
Bellary

T.B. Jayalakshmi Bai
15.2.44

PUBLIC (GENERAL) DEPT.

MEMO. No. 13075/44-2 Dt/ 18-3-1944

Poll. agitation - S.B.M. - Bellary Dist. - T.B.Kesava Rao - Detenu - Family allowance - Payment during period of parole - Ref:- Letter from the D.M. of Bellary, Ref.No. 215/44.E-1, dated 2-3-1944.

The D.M. of Bellary is permitted to draw and disburse the family allowance of T.B.Kesava Rao for the period of his release on parole from 6-12-1943 to 7-1-1944.

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Note:- Finance may see the draft Memo. above before issue.

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9/3/44 Finance (pen) Deptt.

The draft memo above may be accepted in Fin.

13.3.44 13/3/44

UNDER SECRETARY 15 MAR 1944 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

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To

The D.M. of Bellary
" I.G. of Prisons
" Supt., Spl. Jail, Tanjore
" A.G. through the Finance Dept.

Copy to Srimati T.B.Jayalakshmamma, (Wife of Sri T.B. Kesava Rao), Krishnamachari Compound, Bellary.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 11 MAR 1944 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Public (gl) Dept

The draft may now — issue.

GR. 1-12-44.

Draft on p. 4 ante allowing payment of allowance to a detenu for the period of his release on parole from 6-12-43 to 7-1-44 may be appd. It has been accepted by Finance

15/3/44

CS. 16/3/44 15/3/44

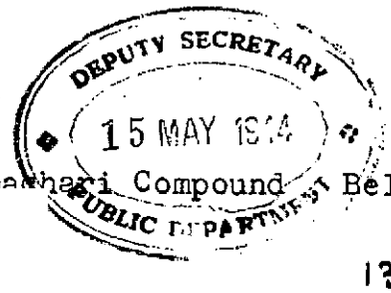
(E) Statement showing the total number of persons undergoing imprisonment or detention on the first of the month in connection with the Civil Disobedience Movement under the ordinary law or Defence of India Rules.

	No.
Imprisonment	
(a) I.P.C.	-
(b) Criminal Procedure Code	-
(d) Other laws.	-
(d) Defence of India Rules.	38
Total.	38
Detention:-	
(a) Defence of India Rule 26 (By order of Provincial Government).	96
(f) Defence of India Rule 26	

From

T.B. Keshava Rao

Ex-detenu Krisnnamachari Compound Bellary.



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5/5/44

To

13th May 1944

The Chief Secretary to the Govt of Madras.

M A D R A S.

Subject:- Request 1) to grant me family allowance (at rate sanctioned by the Govt in G.No 648 dated 27 th Feb 1943) for four months from October 1942 to January 1943 when I was in detention. 2). to grant me Rs 105, being the premium amount of two Life Insurance Policies. 3.) to sanction Rs. 25 to purchase eye-glasses as my eye-shight was affected during detention as certified by the doctor appointed by the Govt of Madras in special jail Tanjore.

Sir,

I beg to state that the Govt by arresting a peaceful journalist and social worker like myself whose guilt was never proved and who was never known to have transgressed the laws or orders under D.I.R. in his avocations, deprived my family consisting of three members of its only earning member. My wife fell sick during my detention and the Govt on recommendation from the Dt. Magistrate allowed me on parole twice The family could not subsist on Rs 7-5-4 per head per month. In the course of this petition I need not describe the miseries and the mental agony to which my family was subject to in this highly famine ridden zone where high prices and scarcity food-stuffs prevail always and especially during this difficult war period. Suffice it to say That I am now heavily indebted because of the legitimate expenditure of the family, medical bills , Insurence premium and such other expenditure. It is not for me to say that I richly deserve compensation. At present I limit myself to three points and I put before you my claim which is very just and fair and I hope you will be good enough to grant my request as adumbrated in the following three paras.

1) I was arrested on 30 th September 1942 and was released on parole twice. The Govt thought fit to sanction only

only Rs 25 p.m with effect from 1st Feb.1943. (vide G.o.M No. 64 dated 27th Feb. 1943). Having conceded the point that my family had only to depend upon the allowance sanctioned by the Govt, it should have been justly and rightly paid to the family from the date of my detention i,e 30th September 1942, As it was paid only from Ist February 1943, I request you to be so good as to order the payment of the family allowance for 4 months from October 1942 to January 1943 both months inclusive - during which I was in detention and the family was deprived of the only earning member.

2). I have insured my life in the Empire Of India Life Assurance Company Limited for Rs. 2000 as follows:-

1.) Policy No. 121602 Premium Rs 30 payable annually on 10th May every year

2) Policy No. 123070 Premium Rs 15 payable half-yearly 31st january and 31st July every year. During the period of my detention for 19 months from 30th September 1942 to 29th April 1944 the undermentioned premium amount accrues for payment.

		Premium Amount.
For the Policy No. 121602. Due	10th May 1943	Rs. 30-0-0.
"	10th May 1944	Rs. 30-0-0.

(I cannot be expected to earn and pay within an interval of twelve days this second premium amount which fell due on 10 th May 1944 i,e, 11 days after my release.)

For Policy No. 123070-	31 st Jan.1943	Rs. 15-0-0.
"	31 st July 1943	15-0-0.
"	31 st Jan. 1944	15-0-0
Rupees one hundred and five only		Rs.105-0-0.

I request you to be good enough to pay me this amount.

3.) During my detention my eye-sight was affected. The doctor appointed by the Govt of Madras tested my eyes in February 1944 and certified that I should be supplied with eye-glasses. The Superintendent special jail Tanjore under whose custody I was did not purchase for me eye-glasses not withstanding my repeated requests. My bad eye-sight is due to my detention and therefore I request you to sanctioned Rs. 25 to purchase eye-glasses.

Hence I pray you will be good enough to grant my ~~sure will~~ recommend my case.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Dt. Magistra

Public (gl) Dept

Memo. No 25427/44-1 Dt. 17/5/44

Pollocation C.D.M Bellary

Dt. :- Ex-detenu - T.B. Kesava Rao - Payment of Maintenance allowance with retrospective effect from October 1942 :: Payment of Insurance premia ; and supply of spectacles - Ref His petition dated 13-5-1944

Hf 1-2 cf

The petitioner is informed that his requests cannot be granted.

To
Sri T.B. Kesava Rao,
Krishnamachari Compound,
Bellary

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Note:- Please see the petition on pp. 1-2 of. The petitioner, who was a detenu was released from jail on 29-4-44. None of his requests is admissible The draft order is submitted for approval

RR.
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